

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to mandated reporters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Marc R. Pacheco

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Plymouth and Bristol

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MANDATED REPORTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 51A of Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 176 of the acts
- 2 2008, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of section (a) the following:
- 3 ; provided however, where a mandated reporter who, in his professional capacity, has reasonable cause to
- 4 believe that a child is suffering physical or emotional injury resulting from abuse inflicted upon him
- 5 which causes harm or substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare, including sexual abuse shall
- 6 immediately communicate such condition to the state or local police.